

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, April 2, 1794,  
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Phila. April 2. 1794.

Dear Sir

A committee of the H. of R. sit, daily to provide funds for equipping the fleet & other measures connected with the exigency of the times. They have finally I believe agreed on nothing as yet, tho the fiscal party are for excises on tea &c. the citizen party are for a land tax, but seem backward on the subject in very view; regret that an occasion has been made for any great increase; this subject will take time. The fiscal party say to the other, you have taken the business from the Treas. department, shew yrselves equal to it, & bring forward some system. The latter replies, the practice of reference has been condemned by the publick voice as other things will be when understood; the rejection of it is a triumph of the people and of the constitution over theirs & its abuse; but the provision of taxes is not the duty of one than the other side, it is particularly that of those who have made taxes necessary. The arrival by way of Hallifax of an acct. of some relaxation in ...from the orders of the 8 of Jany. Suspending the proceeding on the sequestration of debts. ... from Washington is elected in the place of Gallatin. ... perhaps not

altogether the man whom the republicans would have chose: but them he was elected in opposition to one Coleman, from Lancaster county. Sincerely I am yr. friend & servt. Jas. Monroe

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